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In re the Application of

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A SAFETY ASSEMBLY FOR A PREFILLED SYRINGE FOR INJECTING

LIQUID, IN PARTICULAR A MEDICINE

RESPONSE TO NOTIFICATION OF MISSING REQUIREMENTS

UNDER 35 U.S.C 371 IN THE UNITED STATES
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Sir:

In response to the Notification of Missing Requirements Under 35 U.S.C 371 in the United States Designated/Elected Office (DO/EO/US) (copy attached) mailed on September 5, 2001, the executed Declaration of the inventor was filed on August 3, 2001. A copy of the executed Declaration as filed, a copy of the Transmittal Letter to the United States Designated/Elected Office (DO/EO/US) Concerning a Filing Under 35 U.S.C. 371, and a copy of the stamped postcard receipt are attached hereto. The surcharge for providing the oath or declaration later than the appropriate 20 or 30 months from the priority date (37 CFR 1.492(e)) was also paid on August 3, 2001 with our Check No. 121549 for \$130.00.

'As requested, a copy of the International Preliminary Examination Report is attached hereto.

Entry of these documents on <u>August 3, 2001</u> should have completed all of the filing formalities. Accordingly, prompt issuance of a Notification of Acceptance and Filing Receipt, and prompt examination and allowance of this application are respectfully solicited.

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